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SUBJECT: NUNN AMENDMENT -STANDARDIZATION REPORT

THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF LETTER ON INITIAL STANDARDIZATION REPORT REQUIRED BY THE NUNN AMENDMENT, DATED 4 JULY 1975, FROM SYG LUNS TO SECDEF SCHLESINGER. WE HAVE FORWARDED ORIGINAL LETTER TO WASHINGTON. BEGIN TEXT:

MY WARMEST THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER OF 30TH APRIL, 1975, FORWARDING THE INITIAL STANDARDIZATION REPORT REQUIRED BY THE NUNN AMENDMENT. I FIND THIS DOCUMENT MOST INTERESTING AND ENCOURAGING, AND APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE IT STUDIED THOROUGHLY IN NATO. IT IS HEARTENING TO SEE THE SERIOUS INTEREST TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS IN THIS SUBJECT, WHICH IS SO VITAL FOR NATO SECURITY, AND TO SEE THE OPENING OF A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND THE CONGRESS ON THE SUBJECT. THESE EVENTS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO STIMULATE INCREASED PARLIAMENTARY ATTENTION IN OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES.

I EMPHATICALLY ENDORSE THE ASSERTIONS IN THE REPORT THAT INCREASED STANDARDIZATION IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL MEANS OF ENHANCING MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS; THAT WE NEED A LONG, UNCLASSIFIED

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DETERMINED EFFORT TO STANDARDIZE; THAT BOTH UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH MUST BE OBJECTIVE THAT INTERDEPENDENT PROGRAMMES AND MUTUAL PLANNING ARE NEEDED ALONG WITH GREATER, INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION; THAT STANDARDI-

ZATION HAS TO BE A TWO-WAY STREET, REQUIRING THAT THE UNITED STATES UTILIZE SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT OF EUROPEAN DESIGN AS WELL AS THE COVERSE; I AGREE WE MUST SEEK NEW APPROACHES EXPANDED CONGRESSIONAL AND PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT, AND THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF NATO DEFENCE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS, AS WELL AS SUPPORT AND AGREEMENT FROM OTHER MAJOR BRANCHES OF EACH GOVERNMENT.

I BELIEVE THAT THE INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE NATO DEFENCE MINISTERS AT THE SPRING MEETING, IF VIGOROUSLY FOLLOWED UP, CAN LEAD TO THE FORMULATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NEEDED WITHIN NATO TO PURSUE THESE OBJECTIVES.

YOU REQUESTED THAT THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES IDENTIFY HOW THEIR MILITARY CAPABILITY WOULD BE IMPROVED THROUGH GREATER INTEROPERABILITY AND IDENTIFY WHERE THE GREATEST PAY-OFF MIGHT BE ACHIEVED. THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO DO SO AND THEIR ANSWERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DUE COURSE. SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS INCLUDE THE INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF COMMUNICATIONS, WHERE A COMPREHENSIVE NATO STUDY IS UNDERWAY TO IDENTIFY PRESENT AND POTENTIAL SHORTCOMINGS AND COME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIAL ACTION; IDENTIFICATION, WHERE THE RESULTS OF A MAJOR NATO STUDY ARE AVAILABLE AND A SPECIFIC PROGRAMME PROPOSAL IS NOW BEING PREPARED; AMMUNITION FOR PORTABLE WEAPONS, FOR FIELD ARTILLERY AND FOR TANK GUNS, FOR EACH OF WHICH CO-OPERATIVES TEST AND EVALUATION PROGRAMMES ARE PLANNED OR UNDERWAY; AIRCRAFT CROSS-SERVICING, WHERE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED OBJECTIVES IS LAGGING BADLY IN THE CASE OF RE-ARMING, ALTHOUGH A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF INTEROPERABILITY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED FOR REPLENISHMENT SHORT OF RE-ARMING; INTERCHANGEABILITY OF FUEL FOR SHIPS, TANKS AND AIRCRAFT, WHERE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IS NOT BEING MADE.

STANDARDIZATION WILL REQUIRE CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SUPPORT IF WE ARE, IN FACT, TO ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN A SATISFACTORY LEVEL OF INTEROPERABILITY IN THE EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME. I MUST, HOWEVER, UNDERLINE YOUR FINAL POINT, THAT NATO NEEDS

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MUCH MORE THAN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INTEROPERABILITY OF THE FUELS, FREQUENCIES, AMMUNITION OR SERVICING OF DEVERSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS: WE NEED TO ENSURE THE ECONOMIC AND EFFICIENT USE OF NATO DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND LOGISTIC RESOURCES IN SO EQUIPPING AND SUPPORTING THE FORCES OF THE ALLIANCE THAT THEY CAN OPERATE TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY IN PROVIDING AN ADEQUATE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY TO ASSURE OUR COMMON SECURITY.

(DR. J.M.A.H. LUNS)  
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